

(North Carolina Regiment) Colonel Minor. Theirs was an open war problem. We attached one platoon of Engineers to the Regiment and followed the manœuvres in order to get what lessons and information we could from the use of our men or lack of use of our men. Some of our convictions of the day before were confirmed. At 1:30 there was a critique led by Major-General Penny of the 33d British Division. He brought out that the Engineers should be assigned to Battalion Commanders or higher units and should be assigned to a special job. Right in line with our deductions. There was a decided difference in the way the two Generals carried on the critique. General Cameron did nearly all the talking and asked a few questions, while General Penny had each Battalion Commander and umpires tell what they approved and what they noted did not go just right, and then summed up. We got some good ideas and points both days.

We returned via Watou and found that Division Headquarters were being moved on account of the shelling that Watou has been subjected to. For the past week or ten days the Germans have been dropping from one to several shells per day. They have got the range of the town and Headquarters, and yesterday evening their shelling caused a good many casualties. One shell struck in front of the Quartermaster's department and wounded three officers and eight men of the department, two of the officers very severely. Another shell fell directly in front of the entrance to General Headquarters and wounded two British soldiers. Prior to this the shelling had caused no casualties. One shell struck the house in which Colonel Ferguson lives and badly damaged the kitchen. He was not in the house at the time. Another shell went through the roof of a two-story house, passed through a room in which three of our soldiers were sleeping and penetrated the outside wall and exploded. It blew a six-foot hole in the wall but did not injure any of the men. They came down stairs and on to the street without waiting to get dressed.

Rather tired tonight and will go to bed early. It is a good night to sleep.

*August 9, 1918, Friday.* Retired last night at 8:30 p.m. and slept soundly until 6:30 a.m. this morning. No bombs to disturb us. This morning I was busy arranging for three platoons, A2, C2.